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1. JAIME DE SOUSA, HONORARY PORTUGUESE CONSUL IN BLANTYRE, MADE OBSERVATIONS BELOW MAY 2 TO AMBASSADOR ABOUT EFFECTS ON MOZAMBIQUE OF CHANGES IN PORTUGAL. DE SOUSA WAS EXUBERANT OVER CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS:

2. GENRAL SPINOLA'S BOOK LAID OUT GENERAL LINES OF COURSE OF ACTION HE INTENDS TO FOLLOW. GENERAL WANTED TO GET DISCUSSIONS GOING, TO PROMPT IDEAS. POLICY WOULD BE DECIDED DEMOCRATICALLY. THERE WAS NO FIXED PRE-DETERMINED PLAN. EVENTUALLY THERE MIGHT EVOLVE CONFEDERATION OF COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT NATIONS CONSISTING OF PORTUGAL, BRAZIL, ANGOLA, AND MOZAMBIQUE (DE SOUSA SUGGESTED PUTTING GUINEA-BISSAU TO ONE SIDE). ONLY DEFENSE MATTERS WHICH OF COURSE WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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INCLUDE CERTAIN ASPECTS OF FOREIGN RELATIONS WOULD BE

CONTROLLED BY CENTER. THERE WOULD ALSO BE CENTRAL COURT OF LAST APPEAL.

3. IN MOZAMBIQUE ONE LARGE ASSOCIATION SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED, NOT MULTITUDE OF POLITICAL PARTIES. PLETHORA OF PARTIES IS NOT SUITABLE FOR AFRICA; AFRICAN LEADERS FAVOR ONE PARTY STATE. CREATION OF ASSOCIATION WOULD INVOLVE IMMEDIATE, VAST EXPANSION OF ELECTORAL ROLE. THERE WOULD BE ONE MAN, ONE VOTE. ASSOCIATION WOULD DECIDE MATTERS DEMOCRATICALLY AND DEMOCRATICALLY ELECT MEMBERS OF LOCAL PARLIAMENT. IT WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH LISBON ABOUT NATURE OF CONFEDERATION.

4. PROPOSED ASSOCIATION WOULD BE COMPLETELY MULTIRACIAL. THERE WAS TALK THAT BLACK LAWYER RELEASED AFTER 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR HIS POLITICAL VIEWS MIGHT BECOME LEADER OF ASSOCIATION. THIS PERSON COULD NOT BE ATTACKED BY FRELIMO AS STOOGE (DE SOUSA DID NOT NAME INDIVIDUAL WHO IS POSSIBLY DOMINGOS AROUCA).

5. FRELIMO MEMBERS COULD PARTICIPATE AS INDIVIDUALS BUT FRELIMO AS AN ORGANIZATION WOULD HAVE NO STRANDING. IT RIDICULOUS TO THINK THAT EIGHT MILLION MOZAMBIQUE AFRICANS WOULD ACCEPT LEADERSHIP OF FOREIGN-BASED ORGANIZATION. FURTHERMORE, RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA MIGHT NOT STAND BY IF ATTEMPT MADE HAND OVER GOVERNMENT TO FRELIMO.

6. WHILE SOME INDIVIDUAL EXTREMISTS IN MOZAMBIQUE MIGHT FAVOR UDI, THERE NO SIGNIFICANT SENTIMENT FOR THIS TYPE SOLUTION. EMPHASIS IS UPON MULTIRACIAL APPROACH.

7. COMMENT: DE SOUSA IS CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF JORGE JARDIM WHO HE SAID IS NOW IN LISBON. DE SOUSA -JARDIM CHANNEL IS ONE OF PRESIDENT BANDA'S PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON MOZAMBIQUE. IN PAST CONVERSATIONS BANDA HAS PICTURED JARDIM AS ADVOCATE OF MULTIRACIALISM AND GREATER ROLE FOR AFRICANS IN MOZAMBIQUE INCLUDING EX-MEMBERS OF FRELIMO.

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